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29th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – YEAR B

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Masses at 8.30am and 11.00am.

Monday 21st October: Feria of 29th Week in Ordinary Time. No Mass.

Tuesday 22nd October: Feria of 29th Week in Ordinary Time or St John Paul II, Pope, *optional memorial*. Mass at 10.00am.

Wednesday 23rd October: Diocesan Day of Prayer & Reparation for Life. Feria of 29th Week in Ordinary Time or St John of Capestrano, Religious, *optional memorial*. Mass at 10.00am.

Thursday 24th October: Feria of 29th Week in Ordinary Time or St Anthony Claret, Founder, Bishop, *optional memorial*. Mass at 10.00am

Friday 25th October: Feria of the 29th Week in Ordinary Time. Mass at 10.00am.

Saturday 26th October: Our Lady on Saturday or Ss Chad & Cedd, Bishops, *optional memorial*. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions follow 10.00am Mass.

Mass Intentions:

Sunday 20th October: 8.30am for Walter Marchetti RIP (Marilyn Marchetti's Intention).

11am for Des Dougan RIP (Amy Thomas' Intention).

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound of the Parish:

Danielle Simpson, Angela Saguez, Geoff and Kathleen Wain, Lesley Smith, Joyce Delahunty, Larry Bretz, Yvonne Bradley, Pat and Ron Bird, Theresa Cassidy, James Pringle, Joshua David, Colin Devery, Marie O'Sullivan, Kathleen Fitzsimmons, Liliana Ramalingam, Terry Hamill, Rita Zollo. Additions - please inform Fr Michael.

Collections: 13th October: Plate collection £776.48; Candles £26.41; Poor Box £35.51. Second collection for CAFOD £555.57. Monthly standing orders £2080.50; contactless £2053. Thank you for your generosity.

Closer to Christ Campaign: To date, St Joseph's has given the campaign £101,77. Of this total, the parish has received £33,926; vocations £23,748; active clergy £23,748 and retired priests £20,355. Parish forecast for

Sept 2024–Aug 2025 etc. in report on the noticeboard at the back of church.

Sunday 20th October: 29th Sunday of the Year (World Missions Sunday): The Gospel challenges us to exercise power and authority correctly. Are we comfortable following Jesus in his role as Servant of all?

2nd Collection - 'Missio' is the Pope's charity highlighted by *World Mission Sunday* working to support those living in areas of poverty, conflict and oppression. To Gift Aid, please complete a donation envelope today and return in the collection or post to Missio. Alternatively, donate online at missio.org.uk/wmsdonate.

11am Mass: Children's Liturgy for primary school age children will take place during Mass today. Also, the young people in the parish who are preparing for Confirmation will be presented at Mass.

Tea and coffee served in the hall after both Masses. All welcome.

Monday 21st October: 7.30pm – 9pm: Confirmation Preparation Session for all candidates at St Francis de Sales' parish hall, Wash Common. Please remember to bring your Bible with you!

Wednesday 23rd October: Day of Prayer and Reparation for Life – marks the day the Abortion Act was passed in 1967 since when one in five babies have been aborted in the UK. The bishop asks priests today to offer Mass for the 'Progress of Peoples', wearing the purple vestments of penitence. Moreover, as a people of life, we must confront injustice and violence in our world, and stop the abuse of the earth and its resources. Equally, we cannot stand by as another death-wish is arising in our society for assisted suicide and euthanasia.

12.30-2pm: The church is open for an hour and a half on Wednesday afternoon for quiet prayer and reflection. All are welcome at any time whilst the church is open.

7.30pm: Adult Formation Talk in St Joseph's Hall. The topic is '*The Pope and his Primacy.*'

Thursday 24th October: 10.30am – 12 noon Grand/Mothers' Prayer Group at Newbury Grove Care Home, 370 London Road, RG14 2QH. Ladies free at

10.30am on Thursdays are invited to come to Newbury Grove Care Home to pray for children and grandchildren and for a strengthening of faith. Refreshments provided, chat follows. Contact Elizabeth after 11 am Mass or call 07880663462. Better still, just come along to 370 London Road - just past The Swan Pub.

2.30pm: Film Matinée 'The Prince and the Showgirl' with Laurence Olivier & Marilyn Monroe.

7.30pm – 9.30pm: 'Living Your Faith Group' reflects on the Sunday readings at Chris and Teresa's house – 7 Rupert Road, Newbury RG14 7EQ. All welcome.

Saturday 26th October: ADoRE spiritual Mini-Retreat 10.00-1.00pm "Heal the sick – ministering in the charisms of the Holy Spirit," Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring guest speaker Joe Livingston. Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance at bit.ly/ADOREOCT2024 More information at www.altonrenewal.com

Sunday 27th October: The **Music Group** will assist in the celebration of Mass today.

Newbury & Thatcham Repair Café: 2pm – 4.30pm Methodist Church Hall, Newbury RG14 1AN. What is a Repair Café? Fixing broken household items; keeping stuff out of landfill; chatting over coffee, tea & biscuits. Voluntary contributions welcome.

Saturday 9th November: Parish Readers Training Course: Saturday 9th November 2024 at St Francis de Sales, Wash Common. Starts with Mass at 10am and finishes at 2pm. Bring-your-own lunch to the Parish Hall. Led by Claire Tickell. Please email Toby Tyler at rts.tyler@gmail.com to confirm your attendance.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: All children of primary school age welcome, but Child Protection Guidelines prevent those in Reception or below taking part. No younger siblings accompanying those at Primary School – please! All catechists are DBS checked to work with children. After a welcome and prayer, the children say sorry prayers and listen to a reading after which they discuss its relevance to their lives. An activity follows before returning to Mass for the Offertory procession.

IT Expertise? As we need to modernise our parish website, Fr Michael welcomes hearing from anyone with knowledge of web-building, web-development, or a wish to further develop their skills in this area with the help of someone more experienced. All ages welcome!

November – Month of the Holy Souls: As November's time of remembrance of our dead is imminent, envelopes are available in church in which to place names of deceased parents, relatives, friends and all for whom you wish to pray. Their names will be placed on the altar and Holy Mass will be offered for them during the month of November. Return envelopes to the church or presbytery together with your Mass offering.

Opposing Assisted Suicide: Last Wednesday Kim Leadbeater MP introduced the Bill to legally permit doctors to end the life of the terminally ill potentially creating a new UK business sector of euthanasia provision. Doctors and nurses should not be turned into providers of lethal injections or other forms of euthanasia, breaking their professional integrity and upending patient trust. Catholics must unite in prayer and action now to fight the most profound ethical change in our legislation for decades. Please contact your MPs to prevent pressurising the vulnerable to end their lives for fear of being a burden. Go to the following site to email your MP - <https://care.org.uk/takeaction/write-to-your-mp-about-assisted-suicide>

Volunteer Drivers: Newbury Cancer Care are appealing for drivers to take cancer patients for treatment at hospitals in the South of England. Their team for this invaluable service has diminished from 30 to 20, yet the number of appointments is increasing. If able to give a few hours per week please call either Angela (Transport Co-ordinator) on 01635 243343 or Helen on 02635 31542. A mileage allowance is provided and hospital parking is re-imbursed.

New Lectionary: 5th November and 19th November 7–8pm online. Two on-line sessions about the new lectionary to be introduced in Advent. Each, led by Fr Anthony Fyk, is identical (log in for only one) and explains the lectionary, its revisions and what they mean, plus Questions and Answers. Question may be submitted in advance to liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Sign up via these links: **5th November:** <http://bit.ly/3YnpVpE> or **19th November:** <https://bit.ly/3YmxGwd>

300 Club Lottery October Winners: 1st Prize £100 – Anne & Paul McClintock; 2nd Prize £50 – Shelley O'Neill; 3rd Prize £25 – Chris & Carol Bartlam. Congratulations!

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH HALL: The hall is available for your bookings for social events, classes, or activities. Reasonable hire rates. Please contact Anne Paice to book on email: annepaice62@yahoo.co.uk

Contactless Donations: Please use your debit/credit card or smart phone/device to donate on our *Digital Collection Pads*. Gift Aid details need only be entered once and will be retained for future donations. If you would like to receive a copy of this newsletter by email each week, please contact the parish office.

AND A FINAL THOUGHT: Happiness is not a goal; it is a by-product of a life well lived.

N.B. CLOCKS GO BACK ONE HOUR NEXT SATURDAY. DON'T BE TOO EARLY FOR MASS NEXT SUNDAY!!